## REQUEST FOR SEALED PROPOSALS PUBLISHED PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 36–91–20 et. seq.

Pursuant to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law, O.C.G.A. § 36–91–1 et seq. (the "Act"), the Liberty County Industrial Authority d/b/a Liberty County Development Authority (the "LCDA") hereby publicly advertises the contract opportunity for **Tradeport East Elevated Tank** to be owned by the LCDA or its assigns, which is described below (the "Project"). This Notice advertises a Request for Sealed Proposals, dated October 16, 2020 (such document, together with any Addenda thereto, the "RFP"). Copies of the complete RFP are available online at <a href="www.lcda.com">www.lcda.com</a> or at the offices of the LCDA at the address set forth below. The RFP is summarized in this Notice, but this Notice is qualified in its entirety by the complete RFP. This Notice is also subject in all respects to the Act. Interested offerors must submit proposals in complete compliance with the description of the RFP and the Proposal Process set forth below.

## **Project: Tradeport East Elevated Tank**

Construction Delivery Method: The LCDA will award to the successful offeror a contract (the "Contract") to construct the Project in accordance with the RFP and the Plans and Specifications to be made available by the LCDA, as modified pursuant to any negotiations authorized by the LCDA and the RFP. The LCDA shall have the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities and formalities.

## **Award Method**: Sealed Proposals

## **Description of Requested Services:**

One (1) 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank, yard piping, site improvements, electrical, SCADA, and all necessary appurtenances associated with the construction of the tank as shown on the plans and in the specifications.

Plans and Specifications for the Project are open to inspection at the Liberty County Development Authority, 425 W. Oglethorpe Highway, Hinesville, GA, Dodge Plan Room, Savannah or may be obtained from Thomas & Hutton, located at 50 Park of Commerce Way, Savannah, GA 31405. Documents & Plans will be available via hard copy upon payment of \$300.00 (plus shipping charges as applicable). Payment must be received before plans are printed. This payment is non–refundable. Electronic documents will be available to paid plan holders upon request.

Project Location: Tradeport East Business Park, Liberty County, Georgia

**Anticipated Schedule:** The LCDA desires that the Project be completed no later than 360 calendar days after Notice to Proceed.

**Scope of Work**: The work to be awarded includes construction of the Project as described in the RFP and the Plans and Specifications.

**Pre-Proposal Conference:** A **Mandatory** Pre-Proposal Conference will be held <u>10:00</u> <u>a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020</u>, at the LCDA offices located at 425 W. Oglethorpe Hwy., Hinesville, Georgia or via a Zoom meeting. A link to the virtual meeting will be provided upon request to <u>carmen.cole@lcda.com</u>. Failure to attend may, at the discretion of the LCDA, be cause for rejection of the proposal.

**Basis for Award:** The LCDA will evaluate proposals from "responsive" and "responsible" offerors (as defined by the Act) using certain evaluation factors designed to identify the most advantageous proposal as determined by the LCDA, all as more particularly described in the RFP.

**Minority Participation:** The LCDA desires to promote equal employment opportunities for minority and women—owned small businesses in its construction activities. In this connection, all offerors shall be required to establish and include in their proposals minority and women—owned small business goals, and to use their best efforts to meet these goals when undertaking the Project, all as set forth in the RFP.

**Proposal Process**: Proposals must be in a sealed envelope addressed to the LCDA and physically received by it at its offices located at 425 W. Oglethorpe Hwy., Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia 31313, no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at which time the proposals submitted shall be received. All sealed proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the LCDA or as otherwise indicated in the RFP and shall be evaluated and otherwise governed by the terms and provisions contained in the RFP. Copies of such documents are available upon request from the LCDA. When obtaining the RFP, the offeror must provide its name, address, facsimile number, and email address to which any Addenda to the RFP can be sent. Offerors will be required to honor their proposals for a period ending 60 days after the LCDA opens the proposals; provided, however, that if an offeror is not selected within 60 days of opening the proposals, any offeror that is determined by the LCDA to be unlikely of being selected for Contract award shall be released from its proposal. However, it is expected that an award will be made no later than sixty (60) days following opening of the sealed proposals unless the LCDA elects to reject all proposals.

**Proposal Bond:** Each offeror must include with its proposal a proposal bond complying with the Act, in form prescribed by the RFP, in an amount equal to at least ten (10%) percent of the total contract price indicated in the proposal to be submitted. The proposal bond must be issued by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability." In lieu of the aforesaid proposal bond, the LCDA will accept a cashier's check, certified check or cash in said amount, payable to and for the protection of the LCDA. Any proposal submitted without said proposal bond or an approved alternate security shall be ineligible for consideration and shall be returned to offeror.

**Modification:** Subject to O.C.G.A. §36–91–20(d) and other provisions of the Act, the Authority reserves the right to issue addenda to and otherwise modify the RFP at such time(s) and in such manner as it deems appropriate.